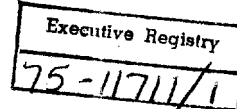


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20 OCT 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Letter Replying to Inquiry
on Meo Refugee Parole

1. Transmitted herewith for your signature is a letter of reply prepared in answer to a written query (copy attached) - addressed to you from a Meo student in Hawaii. The student is seeking to bring his immediate family, presently in the Nam Phong refugee camp in Thailand, to the United States, and has asked for your advice and assistance. The reply refers the student to Immigration and Naturalization Service authorities in Honolulu, since such matters are outside the Agency's purview.

2. Prior to responding, East Asia Division confirmed the student's bona fides, and that his family is presently in the Nam Phong camp.

/s/

Theodore G. Shackley
Chief, East Asia Division

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Attachments:
As Stated

cc: DDCI

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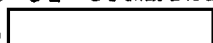
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Mr. William Colby
Director Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask for your advice and help in order to assist my family who are in Namphong Refugee Camp, Udorn Thani, Thailand. They are pleading with me to help them get to the U.S.

Someone has told them that if they have friends or relatives in the U.S. who will sponsor them, they may be permitted to come. I am a college student in Honolulu and work part-time, but I will try to ask my close American friends here if they will help sponsor them. Also, I myself will certainly try to help them in any way I can. My family is afraid of being sent back to Laos because in the past, members of my family who fought against the ruling forces of Communist Pathet Lao, were killed. One of my older brothers,  a captain of a T-28 pilot bomber, was shot down by North Vietnamese machine guns in Northern Laos.

At this time, there is no man in my family who will be able to take care of these poor orphans. I do not know where to turn or how to go about checking on the possibility of my request.

I have written to the American Consulate in Udorn Thani, Thailand, submitting the list of names of my family in Namphong Refugee Camp. Would you tell me what else should be done? Are there other agencies that might help me?

May I then ask you to bring this condition to the attention of the U.S. Government to urge them to help in some way!

Trusting in your humanity,

Sincerely,



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